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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CSOC REORGANIZATION

REF: BANGKOK 0322

1. THE THREE-MONTH INTERNAL STRUGGLE OVER THE FUTURE  
OF THE COMMUNIST SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS COMMAND (CSOC)  
(REFTEL), HAS ENDED WITH THE DECISION TO PLACE CSOC  
DIRECTLY UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER OR A DEPUTY PRIME  
MINISTER, ACCORDING TO FEBRUARY 8 PRESS REPORTS  
CONFIRMED TO US BY MG PINYO VALADEJESA, DEPUTY COMMANDER  
OF THE CSOC OPERATIONS COORDINATION CENTER.

2. THE NEW CSOC REORGANIZATION PLAN, THE MAIN OUTLINES  
OF WHICH WERE CONTAINED IN A NOVEMBER PROPOSAL BY LTG  
SAIYUD KERDPHOL, COMMANDER OF THE CSOC OPERATIONS  
CONTROL CENTER, WOULD (A) REMOVE THE MOBILE DEVELOPMENT  
UNITS (QMDU) FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMAND AND PLACE THEM  
UNDER CSOC, AND (B) REMOVE THE ACCELERATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
ORGANIZATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND ALSO PLACE IT  
UNDER CSOCWM THE REORGANIZATION WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL  
AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER.

3. COLONEL RAWEE WUNPHEN, CHIEF OF THE CSOC COUNTER-  
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INSURGENCY INFORMATION CENTER TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER

FEBRUARY 8 THAT HE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMALIZING THIS REORGANIZATION THROUGH LEGISLATION, WHICH HE NOTED, WOULD SATISFY LTG SAIYUD'S WISH TO GIVE THE NEW CSOC ORGANIZATION LEGAL PERMANENT STATUS WITHIN THE RTG BUREUCRACY.

5. COMMENT: THIS CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY ENHANCE CSOC PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE VIS-A-VIS THE ELEMENTS OF THE RTG ENGAGED IN COUNTER-INSURGENCY AND THUS BE BENEFICIAL TO THE RTG CI EFFORT. IT IS NOT UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, (A) THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THE GENERAL ELECTION THIS DECISION COULD BE ALTERED; AND (B) THAT A POST-ELECTION GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS CONCERNING CSOC'S FUTURE.

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